

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,625,282 to Liang ("Liang") in view of U.S. Patent 6,055,312 to Pralus ("Pralus").

Claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Liang and Pralus in view of Sung (U.S. 2002/0071586).

Claims 3, 5-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Liang in view of Pralus, Sung and Specification of the Bluetooth System ("Specification").

The present application is directed to a wireless headset with a Bluetooth™ module which includes a sensing device configured to automatically sense a folded and unfolded position of a microphone supporting member relative to a main body of the headset. The sensing device is located within a hinge structure, allowing the microphone supporting member to fold and unfold relative to the main body, and establishes a communication link between the headset and a master terminal once the microphone supporting member is sensed to be unfolded.

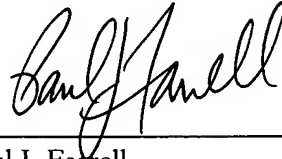
The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 through 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of prior art references. However, with respect to the rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has misinterpreted the present invention and misapplied the art.

The Examiner asserts that Liang in view of Pralus, Sung and the Bluetooth™ specification teaches every element of the inventive structure. Applicant respectfully disagrees. None of the references made of record teaches a sensing device located in the hinge structure as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 3, 5-9 and 11.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-11, as amended, are patentably distinct over the combination of cited references. It is further respectfully requested, therefore, that the rejections of Claims 1-11 be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", written over a horizontal line.

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